

REMARKS

In light of the above amendments and remarks to follow, reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-8, 10-12, and 14 are pending in this application.

§101 Rejections

Claims 8, 12, and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Claims 8, 12, and 14 have been amended. Applicants submit that the amendments to claims 8, 12, and 14 render the claims compliant with §101. Accordingly, Applicants request that the rejections under §101 be withdrawn.

§102 and §103 Rejections

Claims 1, 7-8, 10-12, and 14 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Sakai et al. (Published U.S. application 2003/0012550). Claims 2 and 3 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sakai in view of Lenihan et al. (U.S. Patent 6,169,843). Claims 4-6 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sakai in view of Lenihan and Nakatani et al. (U.S. Patent 6,118,924).

Applicants submit that the independent claims (claims 1, 7, 8, 10-12, and 14) are patentable over Sakai, Lenihan, and Nakatani (collectively "the cited references").

Applicants' independent claims now recite that "said playlist is a file designating a playback sequence for a plurality of AV streams through a plurality of corresponding play items, each of said AV streams corresponding to respective clip information containing information ancillary to said AV stream, and said plurality of play items managing playback of said plurality of AV streams using time information, wherein said time information is used to determine corresponding AV stream address information by referencing said clip

information." Supporting disclosure for the quoted recitation can be found in the specification at, for example, paragraphs [0166]-[0168]; and Fig. 2.

None of the cited references discloses the quoted recitation. Accordingly, Applicants believe that claims 1, 7, 8, 10-12, and 14 are patentable over the cited references - taken either individually or in combination - on at least this basis.

Further, since dependent claims inherit the limitations of their respective base claims, Applicants believe that dependent claims 2-6 are patentable over the cited references for at least the same reasons as discussed in connection with the independent claims.

Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims now pending in the application are in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited. If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions, he/she is invited to telephone the undersigned at (908) 654-5000.

The Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with the above-identified application to Deposit Account No. 12-1095.

The Examiner's consideration of this matter is gratefully acknowledged.

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